

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2414

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CLOSURE OF MINES

AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;ANNA SAHEB M.K. PATIL;LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

(a): whether the Government propose to formulate a scheme to inspect the old coal mines and to suspend the operation where updated mine plans are not available keeping in view the recent mine mishap in Dhanbad;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the Government propose to close down the three collieries of Dhanbad and other risky mines of CIL and its subsidiaries; and

(d): if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN

(a) & (b): In view of the disaster at Bagdigi Colliery of BCCL, all subsidiary coal companies of Coal India Limited have been directed to get existing mines inspected and mine plans checked for any danger of inundation.

(c) & (d): The work of inspection of the mines and checking of mine plans for danger of inundation is in progress. Preventive steps shall be taken wherever required.